

COMMUNITY CALL

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SPRING FORWARD

On Sunday, March 8th, at 2:00 a.m., Daylight Saving Time begins. Please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour.



ROUND TUIT SPRING BRUNCH MARCH 29



Round tuit - we all plan to get round to it - someday - but it's too easy to put it off. Just like spring seems to be far off yet! However, we are on the verge of our annual Spring Brunch of egg bakes, rolls, and fruit. This year we are putting a spin on our donations and will use the funds to buy some round tables.

Many remember how well the Tablescape event went in December and how easy it was to visit with the round tables. So our theme will be Round Tuit. Plan now to get round tuit with your church family on Sunday, March 29, after worship and enjoy a yummy brunch.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the church for whatever food you would like to bring. If you have any questions, please talk to Nancy Kassman or Vicki Peihl. Can't make it? Feel free to give a donation or enough to buy a table (approximately \$80). Thanks for your support. Now let's hope spring gets round tuit soon too!

PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



"To those who are dearly loved by God and called to be God's people. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Adapted from Romans 1:7 (CEB).

First, I want to thank the congregation of Community Presbyterian Church for allowing me to be part of the Eleven-member Presbytery Kenya Mission Team for two weeks. It was an incredible experience in so many ways. Our team included four CPC members: Carrie and Derek Leopold, Patty Smith, and myself. The other members of our team were from First Presbyterian in Fargo and two friends from a Lutheran church near Minot.

Our CPC team has received approval from Session for two gatherings in our fellowship hall to talk about our exper-

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iences in Kenya. The first gathering will be a potluck lunch after worship on March 15. We will have a free-will offering which will be added to the account for future Kenya projects.

The second gathering will be the following week on March 22nd at 5:00 p.m. Those who were not able to attend on March 15th or just want to hear more, as well as friends, relatives, and other interested community people will be invited to a "Kenyan Dinner." A free-will offering will be taken for future Kenya projects.

I'd love to share more about our trip to Kenya now, but I will restrain myself and encourage you to come to one, or both, of the informational sessions in March. I will tell you that in addition to our mission work, we were blessed to participate in a couple safaris, got to see and feed a baby giraffe, and visit an elephant orphanage.

It is the season of Lent. Our Ash Wednesday worship service was on Wednesday, February 26. Ash Wednesday reminds us of our humanness, realizing that we do not know what the future brings for any of us. On Ash Wednesday, we received the sign of ashes which marks our frailty. We are dust, and we will return to dust.

Sunday, March 1st, is the 1st Sunday in Lent with Communion. During this Season of Lent, I encourage each of you to remember the meaning of Lent. It is the time we acknowledge our need for repentance and for the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

In the narthex, on the table with the cross, you will find a daily reflection calendar, "Tread Lightly for Lent." Each day, from February 26 through April 12, Easter Sunday, you will find a scripture reading or a thought that will help you be more mindful not only at Lent, but

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**COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2020 LENTEN SERIES**

Day/Time	Worship Service	Scripture
March 1 10:00 a.m.	1 st Sunday in Lent	Genesis 2: 15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
March 8 10:00 a.m.	2 nd Sunday in Lent	Genesis 12: 1-4a; Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 12-17; John 3:1-17
March 15 10:00 a.m.	3 rd Sunday in Lent	Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
March 22 10:00 a.m.	4 th Sunday in Lent	I Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
March 29 10:00 a.m.	5 th Sunday in Lent	Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
April 5 10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66
April 9 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
April 10 7:00 p.m.	Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22 Hebrews 4:14-16, and 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42
April 12 10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday	Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

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throughout the year. In addition to the little booklet, our Facebook page will have the daily information for you to ponder as well. So, if you are a Facebook person, you can receive the same information as in the booklet, "Tread Lightly for Lent."

In addition to the "Tread Lightly for Lent" booklets, we have five (5) extra Lenten Devotionals, "Becoming a Beloved Community, a Matthew 25 Journey to the Cross." I have put them on the table where the other devotionals are found. The Session and Deacons are reading this devotional during Lent. I encourage you to consider adding "Becoming a Beloved Community" to your Lenten reading.

Hot off the press: we just received news that the Blood Bank will be at Community Presbyterian Church on Monday, March 30, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Life is full. We are blessed to be part of Community Presbyterian Church where there are many people seeking ways to grow as Christians. Take time this Lenten Season to reach out to others, and to God.

In Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

**ELECTRONIC
DONATIONS
TO CPC**

Since the founding of the church, members and friends have placed their tithes in the collection plate on Sundays. That will not change, but we are adding new opportunities for giving. The picture displayed shows our new "Donation Station" for the narthex. This is an iPad tablet with a credit/debit card reader. On Sundays after worship, it will be set



up during the coffee hour. Thus, you will be able to select your contribution amount, where you want it targeted (General Giving, Mission, etc.), and with a swipe or inserting of a chip, you can use your card to contribute. You can quickly and easily gift without fumbling for a check or filling out an envelope for a cash donation.

The donation is cleared through PayPal. You can get an instant receipt sent to your e-mail, and our Treasurer will also receive an electronic record to add your gift towards your annual contribution report. A \$0.30 fee as well as a 2.7% clearing expense will be charged to CPC for each transaction.

The advantages of this additional platform are obvious. Many younger members rarely carry cash or use checks. Plus, the funds are transferred to CPC electronically, not requiring a check endorsement or the filing of a deposit slip with our bank.

You may also have noticed a new tab on our website. The "Donation" tab can now be found on the selection menu of our website on the far right side of the page. Once you select it, you will be able to donate a specific amount to a selected fund utilizing your credit/debit card or via your PayPal account (should you have one). The cost to CPC here is \$0.30 fee with a 2.2% clearing expense per transaction. This too allows you to receive an electronic receipt, and our Treasurer will be able to track your gift.

Bringing your tithe to church will not change. It will still be a personal decision between you and God. Yet, the ways by which you bring your tithe are expanding. A century ago people brought livestock and crops to the fall harvest celebration. Today you can bring your gift in dollars, check, automatic checking account withdrawal, credit/debit card, or via PayPal. It all goes to the mission of the church, regardless of method.

FEBRUARY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Lee Dobrinz, Laurie Elhard, Melissa Engebretson, Melanie Hansen, Bob Kozojed, Carrie Leopold, Mike Misheski, Adam Montgomery, and Chad Nelson. Moderator - Cathie Bishop, Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Laurie Elhard.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of January 15, 2020
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, March 18, 2020
- c. elect treasurer, Carolyn Meester and Clerk of Session, Becky DeJong, for a one-year term
- d. The Leopold family would like to use the narthex on Sunday, January 26, after worship to celebrate Stacy's adoption.
- e. Presbyterian Squares would like to hold the Spring Brunch on March 29 after worship. Funds raised will help buy round tables for the church.
- f. March 15 - potluck after worship with information about the Kenya trip as people eat, and free-will offering for Kenya.
- g. March 22 - Sunday evening meal of Kenya food, share Kenya trip information with people in the community, family, and friends, and members of CPC that were not able to attend March 15 gathering. Free-will offering for Kenya.

Moderator's report -

- Moderated CPCWF Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 19, 2020.
- Talked with preschool students about Kenya Trip on Wednesday, January 22 and Thursday, January 23, 2020.
- Submitted articles for February newsletter by January 23, 2020.

- Attended Leopold adoption at court house on Thursday, January 23, 2020.
- Met with Bob Kozojed regarding preparation for worship/sermon on Thursday, January 23, for February 2, 2020 pulpit supply.
- Moderated Grandin Annual Meeting after worship on Sunday, January 26, 2020.
- Participated in Care for Congregations Pod Zoom call at 8:00 a.m. Monday, January 27, 2020.
- Mission Trip to Kenya with PNP Chogoria Team January 28 through February 12, 2020.
- FaceTime with Claire and Zack regarding upcoming wedding on Thursday, February 13, 2020.
- Bell Practice on Saturday, February 15, 2020.
- Moderated Session for Mendenhall, East Grand Forks, Monday, February 17, 2020.
- Will be meeting with Jenae from Great Plains regarding Summer Food Program on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.
- Will meet with Christian Education Com. prior to Session meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020.
- Will moderate Session at CPCWF on Wednesday, February 19, 2020.
- Preparation for Sunday worship and sermon for January 19 and 26, 2020; and for Sunday, February 16, with communion.

Clerk's report -

- i. 65 served communion on Sunday, February 16, 2020.
- ii. Elinor Meyer died December 29, 2018. Her funeral was at Bethany on University on January 8, 2019. She was buried at Riverside Cemetery.
- iii. Derek and Carrie Leopold adopted Stacy Sita Marie Leopold on January 23, 2020.
- iv. Susan McIntyre died on January 25, 2020. Her funeral was at CPC on

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February 1, 2020. She will be buried at the Casselton Cemetery.

- v. Melissa Engebretson was ordained as an elder; Terry Meester and Lise Alves were ordained as deacons; Adam Montgomery and Carrie Leopold were installed as elders; Boots Misheski was installed as a deacon, and Larry Peihl and Dwight Steffen were installed as Building/Grounds trustees.

Elders to serve communion on March 1, 2020 will be Melanie Hansen, Mike Misheski, Adam Montgomery, and Chad Nelson.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received. A \$5000.00 matching fund has been established for the building project. Contribute now to take advantage of this generous offer.

Committee liaisons:

Lee Dobrinz	Nominating
Laurie Elhard	Service
	& Fellowship
Melissa Engebretson	Worship
Melanie Hansen	Christian Ed
Bob Kozojed	Trustees
Carrie Leopold	Mission
Mike Misheski	Stewardship
Adam Montgomery	Personnel
Chad Nelson	Deacons

Discussion was held regarding the storage of misc. items in the church. It was decided that all musical instruments will be stored in the back half of the nursery.

An annual audit of the books was done on January 5, 2020 by Mike Misheski with Carolyn Meester present. The report was received and accepted with thanks.

Christian Education: Plans are being made for VBS and Palm Sunday.

Trustees: The snow pile in the parking lot was moved. The lightbulbs in the sanctuary will be replaced. Our insurance policy is current and up-to-date.

Stewardship: Electronic payments are now an option! You can pay using an iPad and PayPal at the Donation Station in the narthex. You can make donations online using a link on our church website.

Worship: The Worship Committee did not meet this month. Remember, Ash Wednesday Service is on February 26 at 7:00 p.m. Also, we have a new committee member, Marj Meester. However, we are still looking for more committee members. If you know someone who you think would be interested or you believe would make a good member, please let Laurie Elhard know.

No reports: Deacons, Mission, Nominating, Personnel, or Service & Fellowship Committees

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

BRING OUT YOUR RUMMAGE

The Presbyterian Men's Rummage Sale is slated for Saturday, April 25, in the Community Room of the West Fargo Veterans Arena. We need your rummage, but we also need volunteers (men & women) for Friday, the 24th, to set up, manage the sale, and afterwards to dispose of leftovers and return tables to the church.

More details will be in the April issue of the Community Call. If you have rummage or have questions, contact Andrew Thostenson (Phone: 492-0630 or 793-2883; E-mail: atgtet@far.midco.net). If you have computer equipment you wish to donate, contact him as soon as possible so the items can be properly reconditioned in time for the sale.

All proceeds from the sale will go to support the mission of the church. Bring out your rummage!



MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

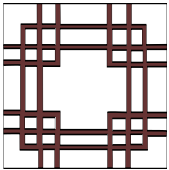
BIRTHDAYS

- 3-3 Karen Steele
- 3-8 Troy Montgomery
- 3-9 Amy Bucholz
- 3-10 Claire Pfau
Zoe Elhard
- 3-15 Irene Martin
- 3-17 Declan Bucholz
- 3-19 Lydia Leopold
- 3-21 Melissa Engebretson
- 3-22 Bonnie Thompson
- 3-24 Dawn Larson
- 3-25 Michelle Bucy
- 3-30 Stacy Leopold



ANNIVERSARIES

- 3-1-14 – Kirby and Amanda Keller
- 3-4-78 – Bruce and Vicki Riedinger
- 3-14-64 – Chuck and Bonnie Thompson



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES BIBLE STUDY

How many of us are praying right now for no more Snow and no Flooding? Will God listen and keep it from snowing (or raining) for the next 2 months? He hears our prayers, but He doesn't always answer right away! Our Bible study this month discusses more on how God answers our prayers. We will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, beginning with a light supper. Bring a dish to share and your own water or pop. Hope you can make it (and no snowstorm to keep us from meeting!)

COOKIES, BROWNIES, AND DONUTS, OH MY!

Do you have suggestions on what Community Presbyterian Church (CPC) could do differently for the fellowship time following worship? Or do you wish CPC would have more fellowship events like Tablesapes in December? If yes, we want to hear from you! Join us on March 12th at 7:00 pm in the narthex to discuss ways we can enhance our time together.

Questions? Contact either Laurie Elhard or Carolyn Meester.



MARCH MISSION FOCUS



CPC's mission focus for March and April is One Great Hour of Sharing. For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

This year's theme is *Called to Repair the Breach!* In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

For more information about One Great Hour of Sharing, go to

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>.

One Great Hour of Sharing is also distributing a Lenten Bible Study. For access to this lectionary-based study, go to

pcusa.org/oghs-bible-study



2020 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sunday School for those 3 years and older will be meeting every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. with the following exceptions: There will be NO Sunday School Easter weekend (4/12).

IT'S TIME TO DONATE BLOOD



CPC will host a Vitalant Blood Drive on Monday, March 30th, from 4-6 p.m. Please sign up in the narthex to save your spot.

Questions may be directed towards Linda Bishop or Boots Misheski.



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

1-31-2020

General Operating budget
2019: \$153,000.00
Weekly needed to meet
budget: \$2,943.45

Actual giving to date \$ 9,405.20
Actual expenses to date \$ 11,367.69
Net income to date - \$ 1,862.49

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54. There are funds in the building fund account to cover the mortgage payment through May.

Per Capita amount for 2020 is \$47.00 for each confirmed member. The unpaid balance at the end of the year is paid out of the church general fund. Please mark on your check or envelope you are contributing to Per Capita.

God has an answer for those who feel we can't give generously because we have too many bills. Jesus says in Matthew 6:31-33 "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

PLEASE HELP! DIRECTORY IS COMING SOON



A new paper and digital edition of Directory of Members and Friends of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo is in the works. To make sure we have the most accurate and up-to-date information, please check your and your family's multiple listings in the paper editions on the table in the narthex or on the draft sent to your email/cell phone. Please list any additional information you'd like included and note whether your phone is a cell or landline.

Thanks for your help in keeping our church information current and useful.

2020 PER CAPITA



2020 Per Capita was approved at the October 2019 Presbytery Meeting. The per capita apportionment is based on the funds necessary for the Presbytery/Synod/General Assembly to do their essential ecclesiastical work.

Brochures explaining the fundamentals of Per Capita and Unified mission are available on the table outside the sanctuary.

2020 Per Capita

Apportionment breakdown:

General Assembly (GA)	\$ 8.95
Synod of Lakes & Prairies	\$ 5.50
Northern Plains Presbytery	\$ 32.55
<u>Total 2019 Per Capita</u>	<u>\$ 47.00</u>

For additional information about Per Capita, check out the Office of the GA Stated Clerk webpage (<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ecclesial-and-ecumenical-ministries/per-capita/>).

DEACONS



If anyone in the congregation is hospitalized or needs a visit, contact the Deacons.

If anyone in the congregation would like home communion service, please contact Chad Nelson.

Lise Alves	[C] 701-412-8689
Linda Bishop	[H] 701-282-8515
	[C] 701-200-1818
Terry Meester	[C] 701-799-5102
Boots Misheski	[C] 701-388-7160
Dixon Moorhead	[H] 701-277-1414
	[C] 701-200-9709
Vicky Whitcomb	[H] 701-282-9292
	[C] 701-809-2483
Chad Nelson, Session Liaison	
	[C] 701-541-0940

**April's Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, March 19**

Pre-authorized debits customer authorization form

I authorize Community Presbyterian Church and the financial institution listed below to initiate electronic debit entries, (and if necessary, credit entries and adjustments for any debit entries in error) to my:

☐ checking account ☐ savings account for \$_____

*(This authority will remain in effect until I have cancelled it in writing.)
(Changes can be easily made)*

*Please select from the following options to make contributions:

<u>MONTHLY</u> 1 st _____ OR 16 th _____	<u>TWICE A MONTH</u> 1 st AND 16 th _____
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Please print the following:

Name _____

Address _____

Financial Institution: _____ Branch: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Bank Routing Number (9 digits):

Account Number:

Please return to:

Office

Community Presbyterian Church

702 Sheyenne St.

West Fargo, ND 58078

(A confirmation will be sent to you)

Forms accepted at any time

	Approximate Weekly Commitment Proportionate to Income						
Annual Income	15%	10%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%
100,000	288.00	192.00	135.00	115.00	96.00	77.00	58.00
75,000	216.00	144.00	100.00	87.00	72.00	58.00	43.00
60,000	173.00	153.00	80.00	69.00	58.00	46.00	35.00
50,000	144.00	96.00	67.00	58.00	48.00	38.00	29.00
45,000	130.00	87.00	61.00	52.00	43.00	35.00	26.00
40,000	115.00	77.00	54.00	46.00	38.00	31.00	23.00
35,000	101.00	67.00	47.00	40.00	34.00	27.00	20.00
30,000	87.00	58.00	40.00	35.00	29.00	23.00	17.00
25,000	72.00	48.00	34.00	29.00	24.00	19.00	14.00
20,000	58.00	38.00	27.00	23.00	19.00	15.00	12.00
15,000	43.00	29.00	20.00	17.00	14.00	12.00	9.00